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OCT 24 2007****Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 3. (canceled).

Claim 4. (previously presented) A method for treating a keratoconjunctival disorder which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of 5-[4-(6-methoxy-1-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-ylmethoxy)benzyl]thiazolidine-2,4-dione or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a patient in need thereof.

Claim 5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 4 wherein said keratoconjunctival disorder is dry eyes, corneal ulcer, keratitis, conjunctivitis, superficial punctate keratopathy, corneal epithelial defects, conjunctival epithelial defects, keratoconjunctivitis sicca, superior limbic keratoconjunctivitis or filamentary keratitis.

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Claim 6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 4 wherein the administration is instillation of an eye drop.

Claims 7 to 9. (canceled)

Claim 10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 5 wherein the administration is instillation of an eye drop.

Claim 11. (previously presented) The method according to claim 4 wherein the administration is the application of an ophthalmic ointment.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 5 wherein the administration is the application of an ophthalmic ointment.

Claims 13 to 16. (canceled)